

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 19, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 19th, 2010 at 9:00 am with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the special January 11th meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson, Clerk, received approval of the Microvote Election Management System agreement on a motion by Marvin Cole, Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

PRAYER SERVICE

Colin Hillen, RCHS student and member of RACK (Rushville Athletic Christian Kids) received approval to hold a 25 minute prayer service on the courthouse steps on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. The prayer service will be held Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm. An open donation will be received to assist the Haiti earthquake victims.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

John Worth, Public Defender director, received approval to convert the former law library into the Public Defender office on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Barnes encouraged Worth to utilize jail inmates during the conversion of the room and also offered assistance in funding.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, came forward for the conducting of the annual board of finance meeting. Tom Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Ken Masters made the motion to retain the 2009 officers. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beard proceeded to go over the presented reports. Barnes quickly received a motion from Marvin Cole to accept and sign all reports along with Resolution 2010-01 Rush County Investment Policy. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beard did remind the commissioners that the county is still spending more than they are receiving. Tom Barnes commented that this was in relationship to what the council had made in budget cuts during 2009.

At 9:07 Marvin Cole made the motion to adjourn the board of finance meeting. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANDERSON TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT.

Nick White, Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. provided a \$5,352.00 quote from Baltus Electronics for the purchasing of 12 radios and chargers for department members. Deborah Adams reported that the county is currently waiting on OCRA funds. Tom Barnes reported that approval to utilize a portion of the OCRA has been received from the council. Ken Masters made the motion to use a portion of the OCRA monies to purchase the equipment. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that John Rigsbee of CSO Architecture will not be able to perform the clock tower roof inspection. Sitton noted that Rigsbee will check with staff members to perform the roof inspection.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported 55 inmates being housed in the Rush County jail. Sherwood noted that 19 inmates are female.

Sherwood introduced Mike Jessup as the new Animal Control Officer. Jessup is currently a reserve officer of the department.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims from Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. Adams also received approval of the biweekly claims on a motion by Marvin Cole. Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams did review the annual financial report with the commissioners.

EMS

The commissioners reviewed December EMS run reports for Carthage Vol Fire Dept and Milroy EMS

MISC.

The commissioners reviewed the December 2009 monthly treasurers report.

Motion to adjourn was received at 9:21a.m. from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor